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President Wilson said lately that some Democrats, when appointed to exalted station, grow. Others, he declared, swell. Ever since, Washington has been trying, with little success, to discover the growing variety. The President further confessed a recurring desire to use a pin on the swelling kind, the only objection to this, he confessed, being the probable nature of the gases liberated. True. If it were not for the "public nuisance" phase of this unhappy predicament he could use the pin freely and with commensurate benefits to the country at large. However, the ballot box, that more humane instrument for operations on "swelled" Democrats will soon achieve the same end. After November, many swellings will recede amidst the solitude of private life.

A member of the staff of the Library of Congress has been dismissed because he is reported to have said things disrespectful of the President in discussing the administration's course with Germany. Respect for constituted authority is a highly desirable thing to have—but if, in this Republic, a man becomes mute simply because he happens to be on the government payroll, we have a condition of things which is just the reverse of desirable. The Winnetka post-office affair was thought to have settled some of the questions relating to free speech.

The Congressional by-election in West Virginia, where the second District has been redeemed to Republicanism after several years of possession by the Democrats, points the way of all elections this year.

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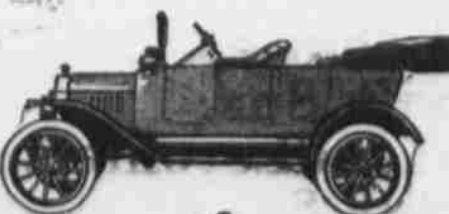
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## OLD MATTY

May Have Greater Year—"Big Six" Liable to Make Sensational Come-Back as Did Young in 1907.

New York, June 8.—Is Christy Mathewson going to flash the same sensational comeback that Cy Young did in 1907 just when everyone had figured him as completely through? In many ways the records of Mathewson and Young parallel each other. Just recently it seemed that they would diverge—that Mathewson had reached the end—but the great showing by "Big Six" during the past month has led many to hope that he, too, will do as Young did.

Young broke into the majors back in 1890. For ten years he starred with the Cleveland Club, then was transferred to the St. Louis Cardinals, and, in 1901, was sold to the Red Sox. It was the brilliant pitching of Cy during 1903 and 1904 that enabled the Bostonians to win two pennants and one world's championship.

But in 1905 something went amiss with Young's arm. The old whip wouldn't crack as it had in the other years; the old zipp was gone from the ball. The opposition clubbers found little or no difficulty in swatting the heaves of the veteran.

Just about then the "wise ones" began to chant the swan song. They pointed out that Young was through. "He's been pitching for sixteen years, and no matter how good a man he can't go on forever," they declared. "Furthermore, Cy is 38 years old—an age far beyond the athletic prime."

## Young's Great Record

When Young turned in his 1905 average it was found that he had won only eighteen of the thirty-seven games in which he had figured. Young's showing for 1906 was even worse. He won only thirteen out of thirty-four games, and didn't seem able to go the route. He finished the season with an average of .382—the worst he ever amassed. That convinced the bulk of the fans that Cy was through.

But the Red Sox manager wouldn't "can" Cy. He figured that his great work for the Red Sox in the other years merited his keeping him for another season, even if Cy did nothing but coaching duty.

And so Cy, then 39 years old, was kept on the Red Sox roster, while the fans clamored for his banishment to the Old Men's Home. That probably peeved him a bit, because, after having his arm tinkered here and there, he begged for a chance to display his wares in 1907. He did—and won twenty-two out of thirty-seven games, for a pitching average of .595. The next season—1908—Cy won twenty-one out of thirty-two games, for an average of .656, which is quite a healthy showing for a forty-one-year-old hurler. On June 30, 1908, he shut out the Yankees without a hit, only one man reaching first.

In 1909 he went back to the Cleveland Club and won nineteen out of thirty-four games. The following year—1910—he figured in seventeen games and won ten. In 1911 he took unto himself a job with the Boston Braves and won four out of nine starts. He decided then that he was getting a bit too old to pitch, being 44 years old at the time, and he retired from the frolic.

Reviewing Young's record from the end of the 1906 campaign, when he was considered "all through," until the time he actually quit, we find that he won seventy-three and lost only fifty-six games, giving him a grand average of .567 for the five years from 1907 to 1911, inclusive.

## The Case of Mathewson

Now let us consider the case of Mathewson:

Matty joined the Giants in 1900. Over a sweep of fifteen seasons—from 1900 until the end of the 1914 season—the big blond hurler was the king pin of the Giant pitching staff. But late in the 1914 season he contracted "arthritis," as did Young at the end of his sixteenth year.

In 1915 Matty, then in his sixteenth year as a major performer, was of no real value to his club. His arm seemed gone. He won only six out of his twenty-two starts, some of those victories were of the fluke order. Before the season ended the "wise ones" declared that Matty was about through.

"He's been pitching for sixteen years, and no matter how good a man he can't go forever," they said, repeating what their associate members said about Cy Young back in 1906. The folks pointed out, also, that Matty was quite an elderly person, as baseballers go, then approaching his thirty-sixth birthday.

But Matty in 1916 seems to be duplicating what Young did in 1907. He has started off this season at a great rate. His arm trouble seems gone. In his first try-out of the year "Big Six" didn't look overly good. That is because he merely was giving the wing a workout. But since then he has been pitching real baseball. He hasn't the old speed of bygone years, but he is using a splitter and his brain, and by mixing up his delivery he is

breathing along in a way that makes it seem as if he still has a number of years of major league usefulness in his system.

## WOMAN TRIES TO KIDNAP YOUNG PORTSMOUTH GIRLS

(Portsmouth Times)

Prompt action by Mrs. H. T. Wingo, owner of a South Portsmouth restaurant and rooming house foiled a kidnapping plan that had partly succeeded several days ago when Pearl Rice, 14, and Rosa Rice 16, were taken across the river to South Portsmouth by a woman giving the name of Lulu Kitter, who was making arrangements to take the children to Maysville, Ky.

The two girls, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rice of Mill and Sinton streets had been to the American Steam Laundry and on their way home Pearl's dress got covered with mud. The Kitter woman who knew the girls happened along and took them to a Chillicothe street store where she bought the girl a dress and several other new articles. She promised them many other beautiful things and they accompanied her to South Portsmouth about 2:30 o'clock. They missed C. & O. train No. 7 for Maysville.

The young women gave the two girls \$6 and told them to go to Mrs. Wingo's place and get a room while she came back across the river. Mrs. Wingo gave the girls a room but did not see anything of the woman until about 9 o'clock when she attempted to slip into the room unseen. Mrs. Wingo was waiting and as soon as she got a good look at her she ordered her to leave. The Kitter woman was "dark" and Mrs. Wingo took her for a colored woman.

Will Brown of South Portsmouth who knows the girls saw them at the depot with the stranger and at once came to the Rice home here and notified the mother. He also told Mrs. Wingo the girls belonged in Portsmouth and a daughter of Mrs. Wingo was bringing them to this side of the river when they were met by their mother. The Kitter woman ran from the float on the Kentucky side at the sight of Mrs. Rice.

The girls claimed the woman was drunk and that she wanted them to "hobo" to Maysville after they had missed the passenger train. She promised them many things when they arrived at her home in Maysville.

The girls say the woman was drinking and had a quart bottle when she returned to the depot from this side of the river.

On the way home the girls said they wanted to come home but the woman would not allow them to do so. Mrs. Rice expects to have the woman arrested as soon as she puts in her appearance in this city.

## FREE REIN IS PROMISED FOR CHINA BY JAPANESE CABINET

Tokyo, Japan, June 7.—A special session of the Cabinet was summoned today to consider the situation in China, resulting from the death of President Yuan Shi Kai.

At the conclusion of the meetings the Foreign Office made a statement to the effect that Japan had decided not to make any new political move in regard to China.

The statement follows: "As Li Yuan Hung has succeeded to the Presidency in accordance to the Chinese constitution, Japan has decided not to make any new political move in China. Japan will adhere to its past policy, which is based on the desire to have the contending factions come to terms and bring about restoration of peace and order."

In view of this statement and of the fact that Peking is quiet, it is understood Japan will send no additional troops to China. For the present Japan will await developments.

The Foreign Office says it has no official advice confirming reports that Yuan Shi Kai was poisoned. The death of the President caused a pronounced sensation here. The newspapers express fears of disorder in the interior of China and a general political upheaval. They predict that Li Yuan Hung will find many pitfalls, particularly of a financial nature.

Premier Count Okuma presided at today's Cabinet meeting.

## TIPS FROM TEXAS

(Dallas News.)

As a general thing, papa's pipe is popular with only one member of the family.

To make friends of men show them how to make money; to make friends of women show them how to become beautiful.

One seldom sees a woman in the street without a shopping bag. That ought to be sufficient warning to any bachelor.

Also, young man, if you marry a wife who knows how to economize there will be more money for you to spend.

What has become of the nice old man who used to part his hair from the crown of his head to the back of his neck?

## INTERESTING

Bit of History Dug Up in the Production of "The Birth of a Nation" Which Shows at the Washington Theater June 16 and 17.

When General Robert E. Lee, at Appomattox, wished to make some marginal notes on the papers of the final surrender, he asked the bystanders for a pencil. Strange to say, not one of the numerous officers and aides-de-camp was able to offer him one. At last, an officer of Lee's staff ex-



Don't Crip as Grant in "The Birth of a Nation."

tracted a pocket inkstand and feather quill from his kit, and with the aid of these the historic document was written and the names of Grant and Lee affixed at the bottom.

The above bit of history was dug up by David W. Griffith during the staging of "Lee's Surrender to Grant at Appomattox," one of his striking historical fac-simile scenes in Griffith's motion picture, "The Birth of a Nation," coming to the Washington Theater. General Grant is correctly represented in his fatigue uniform, dusty and travel-stained, whilst General Lee is shown in the complete panoply of military dress. "My aim," said Griffith, in speaking of such scenes recently, "has been to introduce as little acting as possible. I have tried to be accurate in every detail and keep away from theatricalism."

## TAVENNER STRONG FOR POLITICAL PREPAREDNESS

(From the San Antonio Light)

Just at present the Fourteenth Texas congressional district is being flooded with copies of an address delivered in the national house of representatives by Clyde H. Tavenner of Illinois. These pamphlets are being sent through the mails by the personal Frank of James L. Slayden, and there is about a ton of them in weight.

Mr. Tavenner has all along been a strong opponent of preparedness. He says the people cannot permit that their money shall be wasted in that way. He further declares that it is the duty of congressmen to see that the funds of the people are not frittered away, and he still further poses and says that preparedness against war is an utter and complete waste of public funds.

Now this same Mr. Tavenner has asked Congress to appropriate \$50,000 for a postoffice in a certain town in his district. The town has a population of 2,000, and Mr. Tavenner, who is so solicitous of the public funds, wants only about \$25 per head for the people of that town out of the public funds which it is the sworn duty of congressmen to so scarcely guard.

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Truly a great patriot is this Tavenner. Give him all he wants and the remainder of the people of the United States may go to destruction.

## SOCIAL SERVICE IN INDIA

"A Social Service Bureau has been started in Bombay," writes Dr. F. B. Price, editor of the Indian Witness. "Some of the leading citizens in Bengal believe that one should be opened in that city also. It is suggested that the following subjects be considered: 'Extent of Misery Among Widows; The Number of Undesirable Matrimonial Alliances; The Condition of the Rural Population; Causes Which Lead to the Depopulation of Villages; The Waste of Money in Litigation; and The Habits of the Student Population.'"

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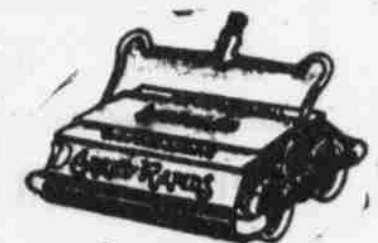
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